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### (U) CALIFORNIA

#### (U) Fresno – West Nile Virus Found in Five Mosquito Traps

(U) Inspectors have found evidence of West Nile virus in five mosquito traps in the city of Fresno, authorities announced last week. The virus found in the common house mosquito remains a serious health threat, the Fresno County Department of Public Health said. Mosquito season means increased mosquito activity, including the spread of *Aedes aegypti*, or “yellow fever,” mosquitoes. These mosquitoes heighten the risk of additional mosquito-borne illnesses such as Dengue fever and Chikungunya and Zika viruses.

SOURCE: 10 June 2016, [The Fresno Bee](#)

#### (U) Los Angeles – Over 50 Arrested in Police Crackdown on Latino Gangs

(U) More than 300 law enforcement personnel swept an area east of Los Angeles in an operation targeting two Latino gangs that resulted in 52 arrests and the seizure of drugs with a street value of \$1.6 million, California’s Attorney General’s Office said in a statement. Police seized 67 firearms, including assault rifles and semi-automatic weapons, as well as \$100,000 in cash and quantities of methamphetamines, cocaine and marijuana, in Thursday’s raids in Riverside County.

SOURCE: 13 June 2016, [Latin American Herald Tribune](#)

#### (U) San Francisco – Three Arrested for Manufacturing, Selling Fentanyl-Laced Pills

(U) Authorities have arrested three people in San Francisco accused of manufacturing and selling illegal fentanyl, a highly potent opiate. Federal prosecutors say Kia Zolfaghari allegedly had a pill press in his Sunset District apartment he used to make fentanyl-laced pills he sold through an online marketplace as oxycodone. Zolfaghari, his wife Candelaria Dagandan Vazquez, and King Edward Harris II, were arrested Friday after selling more than 1,500 pills to a person working for law enforcement.

SOURCE: 11 June 2016, [CBS Sacramento](#)

#### (U) Santa Monica – Man with Weapons was Headed to Los Angeles Gay Pride Parade

(U) Authorities yesterday were trying to determine the intentions of an Indiana man with a cache of weapons, ammunition and explosive-making materials in his car and apparent plans to attend the Los Angeles Pride festival in West Hollywood. Yesterday, Santa Monica police received a call about a suspected prowler. Patrol officers responded and encountered the suspect, who was sitting in a car registered in Indiana, police said. Officers inspected the car and found three assault rifles, high-capacity ammunition and a 5-gallon bucket containing “chemicals capable of forming an improvised explosive device.”

SOURCE: 12 June 2016, [Los Angeles Times](#)

### (U) NATIONAL

#### (U) Florida – US Authorities Probe Whether Anyone Helped Gunman in Nightclub Rampage

(U) Orlando – US authorities are investigating whether anyone helped the gunman who massacred 49 people at a gay nightclub in Orlando, but said they did not believe anyone connected to the shooting

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posed a current danger to the public. The FBI and other agencies were looking at evidence inside and in the closed-off streets around the Pulse nightclub where a shooter pledging allegiance to the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) carried out the deadliest mass shooting in US history, and the worst attack on US soil since 11 September 2001. The gunman, Omar Mateen, a New York-born Florida resident and US citizen, was shot and killed by police who stormed the club early yesterday morning with armored cars after a three-hour siege.

SOURCE: 13 June 2016, [Reuters](#)

**(U) District of Columbia – Pro-ISIL hacker group releases 'kill list' targeting over 8,000 people**

(U) Washington – A pro-ISIL hacker group called the United Cyber Caliphate (UCC) has released its longest "kill list" of over 8,000 people including the names of 7,848 Americans, 312 Canadians, 39 Britons and 69 Australians. According to Vocativ, the hacker group released a list of names, addresses and email contact details of 8,318 people on a secretive messaging application called Telegram. A post on the application, written in both Arabic and English, stated that UCC urged its supporters to "follow" the list and "kill them strongly to take revenge of Muslims."

SOURCE: 10 June 2016, [International Business Times](#)

**(U) District of Columbia – US to Send Rapid-Response Teams When Zika Hits**

(U) Washington – US health officials plan to send a rapid-response team to any community on the mainland and in Hawaii where the mosquito-borne Zika virus begins to be transmitted locally — even if only a single case of infection is confirmed. US officials are anticipating local cases of Zika infection because the mosquito that is the primary vector is found throughout the South as well as in parts of the Southwest and even Midwest, however, they do not expect an explosion of cases, as has been seen in Puerto Rico and some countries in the Caribbean and South America.

SOURCE: 10 June 2016, [The Washington Post](#)

**(U) INTERNATIONAL**

**(U) Afghanistan – Al-Qa'ida Leader Pledges Allegiance to New Taliban Leader**

(U) Kabul – Al-Qa'ida leader Ayman al-Zawahri, in an online audio message, pledged allegiance to the new head of the Afghan Taliban, who was appointed last month after his predecessor was killed in a US drone strike. Haibatullah Akhundzada, an Islamic legal scholar who was one of former leader Mullah Akhtar Mansour's deputies, was appointed a few days after Mansour was killed by a US drone attack in a remote border area just inside Pakistan.

SOURCE: 11 June 2016, [Reuters](#)

**(U) South Korea – 'Massive' Attempted Cyber Attack by North Korea Thwarted**

(U) Seoul - North Korea hacked into more than 140,000 computers at South Korean firms and government agencies, planting malicious code under a long-term plan laying groundwork for a massive cyber attack. The hacking began in 2014 and was detected in February, after North Korea managed to steal information from two conglomerates including defense-related material. "There is a high possibility that the North aimed to cause confusion on a national scale by launching a simultaneous attack after securing many targets of cyber terror, or intended to continuously steal industrial and military secrets" South Korea's police cyber investigation unit said.

SOURCE: 13 June 2016, [Reuters](#)

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**UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY****(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER****(U) Mexico – Tijuana Shelters Cope with Spike of Asylum Seekers**

(U) Tijuana – The unprecedented arrival of Haitians, Ghanaians, Pakistanis, Mexicans and others seeking entry into the United States at the San Ysidro Port of Entry in recent weeks has sent Tijuana's migrant shelters scrambling to find enough beds, blankets, food and other necessities to serve this increase of people awaiting processing by US authorities. The newcomers typically stay two or three days in Tijuana, awaiting their turn to walk into the massive land port for formal questioning. The situation at San Ysidro first came to light just before Memorial Day weekend, when several hundred asylum seekers flooded the pedestrian entrance at the port of entry, sleeping on the floor, while the overflow was forced wait on the sidewalk outside its gates.

SOURCE: 11 June 2016, [The San Diego Union-Tribune](#)

**(U) Mexico – Mexican Drug Lord Put in Immigration Custody for Deportation**

(U) Mexico City – The US Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency said Friday that Mexican drug lord Hector "El Guero" Palma has been transferred to immigration custody pending his deportation to Mexico. The agency said in a statement that Palma was transferred from a US prison Friday, one day ahead of his previously scheduled release date. It said "Palma will remain in ICE detention while the agency makes arrangements to carry out his removal to Mexico."

SOURCE: 10 June 2016, [The Washington Post](#)

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